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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 15010

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, EAIR, US, WB, GW

SUBJECT: FRG CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT AT TEMPELHOF

REFS: (A) USBER 1871 DTG 111415Z SEP 75;

(B) BONN 14624 DTG 081804Z SEP 75

1. THE FONOFF INFORMS US THAT THE FRG TRANSPORT
MINISTRY, FROM WHOM THE FONOFFIN FOLLOWING-UP THE
SEPTEMBER 5 BONN GROUP DISCUSSION (REF B) HAD SOUGHT
AN OPINION ON DISMANTLING AND SHIPPING THE CESSNA
FROM BERLIN TO THE FRG BY TRUCK OR RAIL, HAS ASKED THE
FONOFF TO TRY TO OBTAIN THE US PROTOCOL OF THE INTER-
ROGATION OF THE PILOT. THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY POINTS
OUT THAT, WHILE LEGALLY THE GDR COULD NOT INTERFERE
WITH THE SHIPMENT, THERE IS A DANGER -- IN LIGHT OF
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THE PROTEST TO THE FRG -- THAT THE GDR MIGHT ATTEMPT TO

CONFISCATE THE PLANE (PRESUMABLY UNDER ARTICLE 16 OF THE TRANSIT TRAFFIC AGREEMENT). THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY WOULD THUS LIKE TO CONSIDER ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE CAREFULLY BEFORE EXPRESSING A VIEW ON SHIPPING THE AIR-CRAFT. A TRANSPORT MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS ALSO WONDERED OUT LOUD WHETHER THE GDR MIGHT CONCEIVABLY SUSPECT THAT THE PLANE WAS ENGAGED IN AN EXFILTRATION OPERATION SOMEHOW AKIN TO THE MEEKER AFFAIR.

2. WE HAVE RESPONDED THAT WE TOO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF SURFACE SHIPMENT AND THAT, WHILE THERE IS NO FIRM US VIEW AS YET, LET ALONE A TRIPARTITE POSITION, WE ARE THINKING OF THE DESIRABILITY OF AIR SHIPMENT. HAVING GONE THIS FAR WITH THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY, THE FONOFF WOULD NONETHELESS LIKE TO COMPLY WITH ITS REQUEST FOR THE INTERROGATION PROTOCOL IF IT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. WE AGREED TO ASK WHAT SORT OF RECORD WAS MADE OF THE INTERROGATION AND TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO THE FONOFF.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM USBER ON WHICH TO BASE A RESPONSE TO THE FONOFF REQUEST.
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